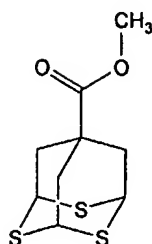


## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound having the formula:



- 5           2. A method for synthesizing methyl 2,4,9-trithiaadamantane-7-carboxylate comprising of the step of:  
              reacting oxidized methyl triallyl acetate with a sulphuring agent and a Lewis acid to produce methyl 2,4,9-trithiaadamantane-7-carboxylate.
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5. The method of claim 2, wherein the sulphuring agent is reacted with oxidized methyl triallyl acetate in a relative mole ratio ranging from about 3:1 to about 2:1
- 20           6. The method of claim 2, wherein the Lewis acid is  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{BCl}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , or a combination thereof.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein the Lewis acid is reacted with the oxidized methyl triallyl acetate in a relative mole ratio ranging from about 4:1 to about 1:1.
8. The method of claim 2, wherein the Lewis acid is reacted with the oxidized methyl triallyl acetate in a relative mole ratio ranging from about 3:1 to about 2:1.
9. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of reacting oxidized methyl triallyl acetate with a sulphuring agent and a Lewis acid to produce methyl 2,4,9-trithiaadamantane-7-carboxylate occurs in a noncoordinated or weakly coordinated solvent.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the noncoordinated or weakly coordinated solvent is methylene chloride, carbon tetrachloride, benzene, or any combination thereof.
11. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of using a metallic powder to purify a methyl 2,4,9-trithiaadamantane-7-carboxylate reaction product.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the metallic powder is a copper powder.